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SUBJECT: Bicycle Facilities Master Plan

Introduction and Scope

Pursuant to adopted policy goals (described below), City staff has taken initial steps toward development of a Bicycle Master Plan for the City. The plan will focus on two elements:

1. Identification of preferred bicycle routes and
2. Identification of potential bike-share locations.

As far as bicycle routes, staff is focusing on making connections and considering streets where shared facilities (like the sharrows along Park Avenue and Maple Avenue) are appropriate. Staff is not considering recommendations for changing on-street parking.

Proposed bike-share locations would be approximate, to be determined through a later site design process. The purpose of the approximate locations is to facilitate discussions regarding developer contributions of bike-sharing facilities.

Policy Guidance

Staff is responding to multiple policy guides in developing this plan, see below.

1. Mobility for all Modes, Transportation Chapter of the Comprehensive Plan. The Plan calls for development of a “City-wide bicycle facilities plan to connect the City’s commercial areas and neighborhoods, transit facilities, schools, regional bicycle facilities, and designated bicycle routes in neighboring jurisdictions. Include an action plan for achieving Bicycle Friendly status.”
2. CACT 2015 Priorities. In its 2014 annual report to Council, the CACT listed development and adoption of a bicycle master plan as a priority for 2015.

3. Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Regional Bicycle Plan. VDOT is currently working to develop a regional bicycle plan for Northern Virginia. To ensure the City's interests are represented in that plan, it is important for the City to provide input to that planning process.

Next Steps

The target month for plan adoption is June 2015. Adoption in June will provide sufficient time to fold the City's plan into the VDOT plan, which is planned for completion in September 2015. To meet that June 2015 deadline, staff is working with the following draft schedule:

1. March 11, 2015 CACT
2. March 16, 2015 Planning Commission work session
3. April 8, 2015 Community Open House
4. April 8, 2015 CACT
5. May 4, 2015 joint Planning Commission and City Council
6. April 2015 through May 2015 other boards and commissions
7. May 13, 2015 – CACT action
8. May 18, 2015 – Planning Commission action
9. June 15, 2015 – City Council work session
10. June 22, 2015 – City Council action